

Little Owl's Book of Thinking

An Introduction to Thinking Skills

by Ian Gilbert

"How do you do it, Dad?" asked Benny, the owlet. (For those of you who don't know, an owlet is a little owl, like a piglet is a little pig, and an outlet is a little out but not all the way.)

"Do what?" said Big Owl, Benny the Owlet's dad, who being grown-up, didn't need letters after his name.

"Be so wise and all knowing?"

"Well," replied the wise middle-aged owl, "I think it's just an owl thing. To be honest I am not really sure how I got to be omniscient."

"Will I be wise like you when I'm all grown up?" asked Benny, who was too small to appreciate semantic irony.

"Well," said Big Owl, "that depends on how you think."

"Think about what?" asked Benny.

"No. Just think," came the reply.



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Little Owl's Book of Thinking squeezes years of research, teaching and experience into seven chapters, two owls and a whole forest of woodland creatures. Following the seven lessons Benny the owlet receives from his wise old father, this book will show you how to think and to think well. Designed to make you laugh and make you think, this delightful story is an excellent introduction to the concept of thinking skills and why they are so important.

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